

DPD-7941-59

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : Responsibilities for the [REDACTED]

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1. Soon after the consolidation of DPD and the Air Division, the Acting Chief of DPD (Col Burke) held a meeting aimed at setting up a workable method of handling the [REDACTED]. It was noted that the group within the Air Division that had been responsible no longer existed as such and the several individuals that composed the group were assigned to four separate branches within DPD.

2. After discussing the situation, Col Burke stated that he desired to have one officer appointed as a focal point to control and coordinate all [REDACTED] reporting directly to him. Col Burke further stated this was an interim arrangement to be terminated when the combined DPD-AIRD organization contained a section to which the responsibility could be assigned.

3. Col Burke with agreement of all parties concerned, then appointed [REDACTED] of the R & D section as the "focal point" as discussed above. In turn LAC was informed that [REDACTED] would be the point of contact and authority on all work connected with the [REDACTED].

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4. The formation of, and assignment of duties to, the Operations Requirement Section appear to have negated the need for an outside "focal point" and met Col Burke's conditions for cancellation of the interim arrangement per para 4 above. Further, it has become awkward for the Operations Requirement Project officer to obtain proposals and coordinate work with LAC without an official standing and by working through a party outside the Operations Requirement Section and the Operations Branch.

5. RECOMMEND:

a. That Col Burke be asked to cancel the interim arrangement for [REDACTED] and place such responsibilities in the Ops Requirement Section.

b. That Mr. C. L. Johnson, V. P. for engineering of LAC be informed that [REDACTED] of the Ops Requirements Section have been appointed as the contact men for the LAC [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED].

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Chief, Operations Requirement Section

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